Splendor

The 2016 Splendor Gala live auction features11 exciting packages.

Live Auction Details

Time: 8:45 p.m.
Location: Main tent
Check in / Check out: Attendees pick up their bidding paddles and programs at check in. We also ask that attendees pre-swipe their credit cards at this time. Auction winners will be contacted to arrange pick up of their items.

After the live auction we invite everyone to "Raise a Paddle" of generosity. This is your opportunity to give hope to a young person and support award winning education classes and summer camps for disadvantaged youth. It's a great cause, and your generosity can make a real difference in a child's life

"His Rose" framed floral pastel by Louise Cochrane

The Cochrane Family

Own an original floral pastel by Louise Cochrane - artist, Garden philanthropist and lifelong lover of roses. Dated 2013 and signed by the artist, the piece measures 15" x 20" including its gilt frame. This is a wonderful remembrance of a woman who transformed the Garden and Richmond through a lifetime of generosity, including her gift of The Cochran Rose Garden and Belvedere at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden





"Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend"

VMFA

Twelve lucky individuals will join VMFA Director Alex Nyerges for a private tour of The Rachel Lambert Mellon Collection of Jean Schlumberger jewelry, a recent gift to the VMFA that will be open to the public in 2017. Be oneof the first to preview the spectacular works of Jean Michel Schlumberger, French jewelry designer best known for his work at Tiffany & Company. Schlumberger's designs are remarkable for their whimsical interpretations of floral and natural forms. After your tour, enjoy cocktails at Amuse. No Thursday or Friday evenings, weekends dependent upon Museum schedule.

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"Les Papillons dans le Jardin"

Tenley Beazley, Rick's Custom Framing, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

Capture a lasting memory of Splendor with "*Les Papillons dans le Jardin*" by Tenley Beazley, an original mixed medium artwork depicting butterflies fancifully fluttering amidst pink tulip magnolia blossoms. The art is beautifully framed by Rick's Custom Framing. Then watch the piece come to life during your private visit for 10 to the Butterflies LIVE! exhibit in the North Wing of the Conservatory where hundreds of tropical butterflies feed, flutter and take flight all around you. Tour will be held at a mutually agreed upon time and date.





"Mediterranean Cooking"

Katrina and Johnny Giavos

Always wanted to know how Stella's makes that delicious lamb, saganaki or hummus? Learn to cook a five-course meal from the master chef himself when you prepare your own dinner at a cooking class for 14 with legendary Richmond restaurateur Johnny Giavos (The Continental, Sidewalk Cafe, Stella's, Kuba Kuba, 3 Monkeys and Kitchen 64). Class may be held in the winner's home or in the kitchen of Kelly Armstrong or Maria Reed, whichever is suitable to the bidder. Event will be held on a mutually agreeable date.

"Virginia Secret Garden Tour"

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Reed, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seilheimer, A Sharper Palate

Spend the day touring three of the most spectacular private gardens in Virginia. Rarely opened to the public, the gardens are yours to visit and enjoy for the day. Gardens in this delightful package are:

- "Redesdale" - Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Reed, Jr. - Join Charlie and Ann Reed for a tour of their beautiful Gillette gardens and grounds in Richmond.
- "Upper Weyanoke" - Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gray's home in Charles City County, 40 minutes from downtown Richmond. On the National Register of Historic places, this beautiful property is dramatically situated on the James River and has been preserved and renovated to accommodate today's lifestyle.
- "Mount Sharon" - Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seilheimer welcome you to their garden in Orange, Virginia where the historic grounds have been fully restored by famed landscape architect Charles Stick.





End the busy day of garden tours with a dinner for eight in your own home, catered by A Sharper Palate. Garden tours and meals must be planned for mutually agreeable date(s) before Nov. 30, 2016.

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"Dreaming in the Garden"

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

Join us for an exclusive overnight family adventure 13 feet off the ground in the CWDKids Treehouse at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. Up to 12 guests can experience this never before offered privilege overlooking the Children's Garden, Sydnor Lake and the surrounding gardens. Watch a special movie under the stars while you enjoy an alfresco pizza dinner, capped off with a family sleepover in the Tree House and a light breakfast in the morning. This experience cannot be purchased through Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden and is available to Splendor guests only. Event will be held on a mutually agreed upon date.





"Night Out on the Town"

The Jefferson Hotel, Richmond Ballet, Quirk Hotel, James River Limousine

Jump in a limousine and enjoy a night out on the town for four couples. Start your evening at one of Virginia's most iconic attractions, the Jefferson Hotel, where your group will delight in a fresh modern culinary experience at Lemaire. Enjoy culture and romance at a Studio performance of the Richmond Ballet. Bring your evening to a close with dramatic views of Downtown Richmond while tasting inventive cocktails atop Quirk Hotel's rooftop bar. It's a perfect night out in Richmond to share with your friends. (Lemaire dinner for eight includes two bottles of wine. Reservations required. Excludes weekends and the month of December and available through April 15, 2017).

"Rose Garden Cocktail Reception"

Meriwether Godsey, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

Delight in the splendor and fragrance of nearly 2,000 roses with a cocktail reception for 40 in the Louise Cochrane Rose Garden. Savor creative culinary delights prepared by caterer Meriwether Godsey while sipping wine and soaking in the beauty of the Garden. Event will be held on a mutually agreed upon date.



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"Farm to Table at Tuckahoe"

Tuckahoe Plantation, Sue and Tad Thompson, The Winebow Group

Celebrate a special occasion with family and friends at a farm to table dinner for 20 at Tuckahoe Plantation. Your meal will feature Tuckahoe farm raised meats and locally grown harvests accompanied by a sampling of champagne and fine wine personally selected by David Townsend at The Winebow Group. Dinner will be held on a mutually agreed upon date (Fridays and Saturdays not usually available).





"Country Barn Party"

White House Catering, Julie and Mark Nanavati, Performance Food Group, The Reed Family

Round up your boots and kick up your heels at a Country Barn Party! Listen to country music and feast on BBQ and oysters while you sip beer and wine with 50 of your friends at the Reed family barn. Event will be held on a mutually agreed upon date.

"French Rivera Bon Voyage"

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Geldzahler

Enjoy a one-week stay in a luxury three bedroom pied-à-terre atop an art deco building in the heart of Menton, France. Delight in sweeping views of the Mediterranean and surrounding mountains from the enormous terrace and the apartment's many balconies. Located on the main town garden next to the casino and one block from the beach, your abode is just a five-minute walk to the train station. Known as the Pearl of France, Menton is renowned for its gardens and rare plants which thrive in the microclimate created by the surrounding mountains. It is easily accessible to the Cote d'Azur and Italy via train. Take day trips to Monaco or Italy or stay local and explore the covered market and exceptional public gardens such as La Serre de la Madone, Maria Serena, Val Rahmeh and Fontana Rosa, also known as The Garden of Novelists. During your stay in Menton, make reservations for dinner at Mirazur, considered the 11th best restaurant in world according to a recent survey! Trip to be taken on a mutually agreeable date by April 1, 2017.

